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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AT HIS HOME AT 0930 LOCAL TIME JAN 23 AND PASSED HIM YOUR MESSAGE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CONFUSION ABOUT DATE, SINCE FRIDAY IS FEB 18, NOT RPT NOT FEB 20 PER REFTEL. BOUTROS TELEPHONED PRESIDENT SARKIS WHILE I WAITED AND THEN INFORMED ME SARKIS WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOU AT BAABDA AND HOST LUNCH EITHER FRIDAY, FEB 18, OR SUNDAY, FEB 20. BOUTROS MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR POSSIBLE VISIT BY FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING SAME TIME FRAME. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL FOR HIM TO KNOW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WILL BE COMING ON FEB 18 OR 20. I PROMISED TO TELEPHONE THIS INFORMATION TO HIM AS SOON AS I HAD CONFIRMATION, BY 1700 LOCAL TIME TODAY IF POSSIBLE. I INFORMED BOUTROS OF PLANNED TIME OF RELEASE OF SCHEDULE FOR YOUR VISIT. HE SAID HE WOULD SAY NOTHING TO THE PRESS UNTIL YOUR SCHEDULE WAS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON.

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